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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Amendments to the specification;

The specification has been amended to replace the term "common mode" with --common pattern--, and to replace the term "bit mode" with --bit pattern--. These amendments are made to facilitate clearer reading of the specification, and no new matter is added through these amendments to the specification. Due to the extensive changes made to the specification, a marked copy of the specification and a clean copy are provided for convenience.

10 2. Rejection of claims 19-28 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph:

Claims 19-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The "common rules of bits of the addresses" (claim 19) is too general and has no clear referent in the specification. The examiner suggests a revision of the specification or another amendment of the claims.

Response:

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Claim 19 has been amended to replace the term "common rules" with the term "common pattern" in accordance with the amendments made to the specification. The claim now contains the step of "obtaining at least one bit-pattern according to a common pattern of bits of the addresses". No new matter has been added through this claim amendment.

With this clarification to claim 19 and the amendments the specification, the applicants submit that claims 19-28 now distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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The applicant notes the allowance of claims 12-17. In view of the above arguments in favor of patentability, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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